

## The Testing of Jesus

Week 16: Matt. 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13 §28

Matt 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

Timing... When have you experienced interference, or outright attacks by the enemy? Has it been after a spiritual victory? After a time when you were finally sure of God's call on your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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# ONE (manipulate the situation for your comfort)

3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

The kinds of temptations here were not unique to Jesus. (Heb 4:15 5 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.) How does this temptation play into delayed gratification? John 2:4? What is this like to deal with in your experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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For next time, **John 1:19-34**

# TWO: (manipulate God's provision for your pride)

5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written,

'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

Wouldn't it have been nice to show all those who despised Jesus as an "illegitimate", self-appointed teacher how wrong they were about Him? Notice how Satan keeps saying "If you are the Son of God..." How has the tempter questioned YOUR identity as a child of God (John 1:12) and one who is seated above him with Christ (Eph. 2:6)? \_\_\_\_\_

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# THREE: (get what you have coming without hardship)

8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

[Luke 4:6-7 says here: "6 And the devil said to Him, 'I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.'"]

Who "handed" this over to Satan? (See Gen 1:26, Psalm 8:6) \_\_\_\_\_

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Read 1 Cor. 15:24. Who would end up with these kingdoms in the end to hand them back to God? \_\_\_\_\_

What difference would it make that Jesus got them from Satan this way, or if He got them through the way of the cross?

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10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

A prophecy was fulfilled here from Isaiah 30:20-22 – What was it? .

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11 Then the devil left Him; [Luke 4:13 says: "When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time."] and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

What did Jesus finally do that gave Him relief from Satan? (note James 4:7) \_\_\_\_\_

Was it permanent? \_\_\_\_\_

What can we learn from Jesus encounter with the enemy here? (See John 15:18-21)